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Plaintiffs,

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PRUDENTIAL SECURITIES INCORPORATED, a Delaware corporation; WALKER PARKING CONSULTANTS/ENGINEERS, INC., a Michigan corporation; FOSTER PEPPER & SHEFELMAN PLLC, a Washington professional limited liability company; SPOKANE DOWNTOWN FOUNDATION, a Washington

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corporation; PRESTON GATES & 1 ELLIS, LLP, a Washington limited 2 liability partnership; CITIZENS REALTY COMPANY, a Washington 3 corporation; LINCOLN INVESTMENT 4 COMPANY OF SPOKANE, a Washington corporation; RIVER PARK SQUARE, 5 L.L.C., a Washington limited liability company; RPS II. 6 L.L.C., a Washington limited 7 liability company; RWR MANAGEMENT, INC., a Washington 8 corporation, d/b/a R.W. ROBIDEAUX 9 AND COMPANY; CITY OF SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, a first-class charter 10 city of the State of Washington; 11 SPOKANE PUBLIC PARKING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, an 12 unregistered Washington corporation doing business as 13 RIVER PARK SQUARE PARKING, 14 Defendants. 15 16 CITY OF SPOKANE, 17 Third-Party Plaintiff, 18 v. 19 ROY J. KOEGEN and ANNE KOEGEN, a 20 marital community, and PERKINS 21 COIE, LLP,

The City of Spokane answers Plaintiff-intervenor Asset

Guaranty Insurance Company's Complaints in Intervention as

follows:

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Third-Party Defendants.

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I. <u>JURISDICTION AND VENUE</u>

1. - 2. This defendant admits the allegations of paragraphs 1 and 2.

II. PARTIES

- 3. This defendant admits that AGIC is an insurer of municipal bonds with its principal offices in New York, New York. This defendant denies that it sold Bonds. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraph 3.
- 4. 12. This defendant admits the allegations of paragraphs 4 through 12.
- 13. Paragraph 13 requires no response by this defendant.
- 14. 15. This defendant admits the allegations of paragraphs 14 and 15.
- 16. Answering paragraph 16, this defendant lacks an understanding of the meaning of an "unregistered" corporation and therefore denies that description, but admits the remaining allegations of paragraph 16.
- 17. This defendant denies the allegations of paragraph 17.

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III. GENERAL ALLEGATIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL CLAIMS FOR

RELIEF

- 18. This defendant incorporates as if fully set forth herein its responses and defenses set forth in its answers to the complaints filed by the Plaintiffs herein.
- 19. Answering paragraph 19, this defendant denies those allegations which address the circumstances under which the City would make loans toward operating and other expenses of the Garage and the extent of loans that would be made, in deference to the City's Ordinance C-31823 which constitutes its contingent loan pledge, is a written document, and speaks for itself. The City admits the remaining allegations of the paragraph.
- 20. This defendant admits the allegations of the first sentence of paragraph 20, but denies the remaining allegations, including on the basis of a lack of information or belief.

IV. WRONGFUL CONDUCT ON THE PART OF THE DEFENDANTS

21. This defendant denies all allegations of paragraph 21 as they pertain to the City. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief

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as to the truth of the allegations as they pertain to other defendants.

22. This defendant incorporates, in response to paragraph 22, its responses to paragraphs 23 through 48, which are introduced by the allegations of paragraph 22.

A. <u>Prudential</u>.

23. - 34. Answering paragraphs 23 through 34, this defendant admits that Prudential prepared the Preliminary Official Statement ("POS") and Official Statement ("OS") but denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraphs 23 through 34, which deal with the knowledge, actions and intentions of Prudential.

B. <u>Foster Pepper</u>.

35. Answering paragraph 35, this defendant admits that Foster Pepper acted as counsel for the underwriter, assisted in the preparation of the POS and OS, and issued an opinion letter on September 24, 1998, but denies all allegations that the POS, the OS or the opinion letters issued on behalf of this defendant were false or

misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraph 35, which deal with the knowledge, actions and intentions of Foster Pepper.

C. The Foundation.

36. Answering paragraph 36, this defendant admits that the Foundation assisted in the preparation of the POS and OS and issued the Bonds, but denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraph 36, which deals with the knowledge, actions and intentions of the Foundation.

D. Preston Gates.

37. Answering paragraph 37, this defendant admits that Preston Gates acted as issuer's counsel and bond counsel, and that it issued an opinion letter on September 24, 1998, but denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

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remaining allegations of paragraph 37, which deals with the knowledge, actions and intentions of Preston Gates.

E. Walker.

38. - 39. Answering paragraphs 38 and 39, this defendant admits that Walker knew, or in the exercise of generally accepted engineering and consulting standards should have known that the assumptions identified in subparagraphs (1) through (3) were unreasonable, and that its use of erroneous and misleading assumptions would be relied upon by Auble, Barrett, the drafters of the POS and OS, and the City. This defendant denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraphs 38 and 39, which deal with the knowledge, acts and intentions of Walker.

F. The City.

40. - 45. Answering paragraphs 40 through 45, this defendant admits that it retained John Evans and David Auble of Auble & Associates and Daniel E. Barrett to analyze the value of a leasehold interest in the Garage

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using the "investment value" method, that defendant's City Council enacted Ordinance C-31823 on January 27, 1997, and that it believed that bond rating agencies and possibly others would read and rely on their reading of Ordinance C-31823, including for purposes of determining the bond This defendant further admits that it asserts that the City Council must vote to authorize a loan under the Ordinance and that it asserts certain (although not numerous) defenses to any claim that it is obliged by the Ordinance to make loans under present circumstances. defendant admits that its employee, City Attorney Jim Sloane, issued an opinion letter which was addressed to AGIC, and states that the opinion letter is a written document and speaks for itself; and finally admits that Perkins Coie LLP, issued an opinion letter, which is likewise a written document and speaks for itself. City denies all remaining allegations of paragraphs 40 through 45.

G. The Developers and Robideaux & Company

46. - 47. Answering paragraphs 46 and 47, this defendant admits that the Developers and Robideaux &

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Company induced the City to instruct Auble & Associates and Daniel Barrett to use the "investment value" method to value the leasehold interest in the Garage, but denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraphs 46 and 47, which deal with the knowledge, actions and intentions of Robideaux & Company and the Developers.

H. The Authority.

48. Answering paragraph 48, this defendant admits that the Authority, which included members of the City Council, participated in certain negotiations and in the operation of the Garage, but denies all allegations that the POS or OS were false or misleading. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the remaining allegations of paragraph 48, which deal with the knowledge, actions and intentions of the Authority.

V. <u>FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF</u>

49. This defendant incorporates all of its foregoing responses by reference.

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50. - 58. This defendant denies all allegations of paragraphs 50 through 58 as they pertain to the City, including the characterization of the Authority as controlled by the City. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as they pertain to other defendants.

VI. SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 59. This defendant incorporates all of its foregoing responses by reference.
- of paragraphs 50 through 58 as they pertain to the City.

 This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as they pertain to other defendants.

VII. THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 77. This defendant incorporates all of its foregoing responses by reference.
- 78. 82. This defendant denies all allegations of paragraphs 50 through 58 as they pertain to the City.

 This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to

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form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as they pertain to other defendants.

VIII. FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

- 83. This defendant incorporates all of its foregoing responses by reference.
- 84. 86. This defendant denies all allegations of paragraphs 84 through 86 as they pertain to the City. This defendant lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations as they pertain to other defendants.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- Intervenor-plaintiff's Complaint fails to state a claim against this defendant upon which relief can be granted.
- Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by RCW
 35.21.750.
- 3. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims of fraud against this defendant are inadequately pleaded.
- 4. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by applicable statutes of limitation.

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- 5. Intervenor-plaintiff's claimed losses were not caused by any act or omission of this defendant.
- 6. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by the doctrines of res judicata or collateral estoppel.
- 7. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by their lack of due diligence.
- 8. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by its agent's decision to go forward with the closing of the Garage transaction in September 1999, at a time when the agent had notice of matters as to which the Intervenor-plaintiff now complains.
- 9. Any damages suffered by the Intervenor-plaintiff were the proximate result of acts or omissions of persons other than this defendant, for whom this defendant is not responsible.
- 10. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by laches.
- 11. Intervenor-plaintiff's claims are barred by ratification, estoppel or waiver.

WHEREFORE, defendant City of Spokane prays as follows:

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- That the Intervenor-plaintiff's claims against it be 1. dismissed with prejudice and that it take nothing thereby,
- If and to the extent of any recovery by the Intervenor-plaintiff against this defendant, for a determination of this defendant's limited fault and an allocation of responsibility to others, including other named defendants and third party defendants,
- For contribution against the other named defendants and third party defendants, and
- For such other and further relief as the court deems just or equitable.

day of December, 2001.

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